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### **COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: NO MANDATORY CONDO SPRINKLER RETROFITTING**

Today, Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu), commended the Residential Fire Safety Committee's decision not to mandate retrofitting of fire sprinklers for condominiums.

"Retrofitting condos with fire sprinklers may make sense, but it is a discussion best left between condo owners, their condo board and their insurance company – without government interference. I applaud the Residential Fire Safety Committee's decision not to recommend mandatory condo retrofitting. Just as it may be a good idea for citizens to eat a low fat diet, but a dumb idea for the government to mandate everyone eat health food, condo retrofitting is similarly something the government simply should not mandate. A recommendation for mandatory condo retrofitting would have received stiff opposition from myself and a number of other councilmembers," stated Councilmember Djou.

The recommendations by the Residential Fire Safety Committee will now be forwarded to the Honolulu City Council for review. Djou's district, which includes Waikiki, has one of the higher number of condos built without fire sprinkler systems.

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